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1. OUR RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE (REF A)--- WHICH WAS POSTPONED PENDING VISIT OF NARCOTICS TEAM IN JANUARY, AS REQUESTED ISLAMABAD 0172--- IS BASICALLY CONTAINED IN MISSION NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN (SEE PARTICULARLY PARAS 7. B (2 & 3) REF B AND 7. C, REF C) AND IN REF D, WHICH COMMENTS ON RECENT GOP EQUIPMENT PLANS. FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS MAY BE HELPFUL IN RELATINS OUR RESPONSES MORE CLOSELY TO REF A.

2. WE ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF FACT THAT ALL OF LARGER EQUIPMENT ITEMS PARA 4 REF A HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY CUSTOMS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT SUCH EQUIPMENT COULD BE UTILIZED ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REFTELS REGARDLESS OF AGENCY OF ORIGIN. IF, HOWEVER, U. S. CUSTOMS- REQUESTED JEEPS AND GROUND STATIONS CAN NOT BE PROVIDED TO PILOT NARCOTICS STRIKING SQUADS,
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WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPT EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF BNDD PROVIDING SUCH EQUIPMENT.

3. IF CUSTOMS- REQUESTED COMMODITIES CAN BE GIVEN ONLY TO BORDER- CONTROL AGENCIES, WE HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS THAT CUSTOMS SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN PROVIDING MAJOR COMMODITIES AT THIS TIME. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO PROVIDE BORDER- CONTROL AGENCIES WITH MORE THAN MINIMAL EQUIPMENT PENDING GOP ACTION TO IMPROVE THEIR OVERALL ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES ALONG LINES RECOMMENDED BY TEAM. WE THINK IT MAKES SENSE TO PROVIDE VEHICLES AND RADIOS OFFER TO UNITS WHICH PLACE HIGH PRIORITY ON NARCOTICS INTERDICTION, AND WE HAVE AS YET NO INDICATION THAT PAK CUSTOMS IS MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL, HOWEVER, TO PROVIDE-- PERHAPS FOLLOWING INITIAL TRAINING COURSES GETTING UNDERWAY SHORTLY-- LIMITED AMOUNTS OF INEXPENSIVE COMMODITIES LISTED REF A SUCH AS TEST KITS, SEARCH MIRRORS, AND BINOCULARS, TO PAK CUSTOMS AND RELATED AGENCIES AS A SWEETENER TO ENCOURAGE HIGHER PRIORITY TO NARCOTICS.

4. REGARDING BNDD- REQUESTED EQUIPMENT, WE HAVE INCLUDED PROPOSED 50 BNDD NARCOTICS TEST KITS LISTED REF A IN OUR FY 74 PROPOSAL ON EQUIPMENT (PARA 6 (3) (F), REF C). WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE BNDD TEST KITS DISTRIBUTED FIRST TO FOUR NARCOTICS STRIKE SQUADS AND REMAINDER TO PROVINCIAL POLICE AND EXCISE DEPARTMENTS, PREFERABLE AFTER BNDD IN- COUNTRY TRAINING, IF THIS CAN BE ARRANGED BY EARLY FY 74, AS WE HAVE RECOMMENDED. BEFORE FINALIZING OFFER OF BNDD TEST KITS, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE USG SHOULD WAIT UNTIL GOP PLANNING ON STRIKE SQUADS IS AT MORE ADVANCED STAGE AND PLANS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY USG.
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